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Remarks

For the Claims:

The 22 March 2004 Office Action rejected claims 1-7, 9-12, 14, 15, 19, and 20, objected to claims 8, 13, and 16 as being dependent upon rejected base claims, and allowed claims 17 and 18. This Amendment amends claims 8, 9, 13, 16, and 19, and cancels claims 1-7, 14, and 15. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration.

This Office Action has rejected claims 9-12 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. In particular, claim 9, line 9, "said transmission channels" allegedly lack a proper antecedent basis. Similarly, claim 19, line 9, "said transmission channels" allegedly lack a proper antecedent basis. Claims 9 and 19 were amended to remove the term "said" prior to the term "transmission channels." Claims 10-12 depend directly or indirectly from amended claim 9. Similarly, claim 20 depends from amended claim 19. Accordingly, Applicant believes that the rejection of claims 9-12 and 19-20 under 35 U.S.C. 112 (second paragraph) is overcome. Claims 19-20 depend directly or indirectly from previously allowed claims 17 and 18. As such, claims 19 and 20 should now be found allowable.

This Office Action has rejected claims 1-7 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Stanley et al. publication ("Cost-Effective Selection of Radio Access Ports in Dense Wireless Systems"), dated September 1998. In addition, this Office Action has rejected claims 14 and 15 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Stanley et al. publication.

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This Amendment cancels claims 1-7, 14, and 15. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the associated 35 U.S.C. 102(b) and 35 U.S.C. 103(a) rejections.

The objected to claims 8, 13, and 16 were rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amended claim 9 and originally filed claims 10-12 depend directly or indirectly from amended independent claim 8. In light of the cancellation of claims 1-7, 14, and 15, and the amendments to claims 8, 9, 13, and 16, claims 8-13 and 16 should now be found allowable.

Accordingly, this Amendment cancels claims 1-7, 14, and 15, and amends claims 8, 9, 13, 16, and 19. Once-amended claims 8, 9, 13, 16, and 19 remain in the application and are believed to be allowable, and claims 10-12 and 20 remain in the application as originally filed and are believed to be allowable. In addition, previously allowed claims 17 and 18 remain in the application as originally filed.

Applicant believes that the foregoing amendments and remarks are fully responsive to the rejections recited in the 22 March 2004 Office Action and that the present application is now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

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